

# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed on 12/20/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 09/28/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANATOLY VORTMAN  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

**Specification:**

p. 1, paragraph [0002], line 1 of the paragraph, [improved] has been replaced with --improvement--;

p. 2, paragraph [0008], line 7 of the paragraph, following "problem", [when] has been replaced with --for--;

p. 3, paragraph [0012], line 1 of the paragraph --,-- have been inserted twice, following "housing" and "fuse";

p.4, paragraph [0015], line 1 of the paragraph, [section] has been replaced with --view-- and --section of the-- has been inserted following "perspective of a", paragraph [0017], lines 2 and 3 of the paragraph [like] have been replaced with --alike-- (twice), paragraph [0018], line 3 of the paragraph [being] has been deleted and following "fuses (2)" --is-- has been inserted, line 6 of the paragraph, following "available" [in] has been replaced with --on--, and line 10 of the paragraph [housing] has been replaced with --housings--, paragraph [0019], line 2 of the paragraph, following "flat washer (8)" --is provided, said nut-- has been inserted.

**Claims:**

**Claim 1**, line 10 of the claim, [anda] has been replaced with --and a-- in order to correct minor typo.

Applicant's representative Mr. Bruce E. Harang, Reg. No. 29,720 has approved the following amendment to **Claim 1** on 09/28/05.

line 8 of claim 1, following "a plurality of" --lateral-- has been inserted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

the allowability resides in the overall structure of the device as recited in independent claim 1, and at least in part because claim 1 recites: "a plurality of stops on each end of said support" and "a flat washer having a plurality of lateral sides". The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of the claim are believed to render said claim 1 and claims 2-5 dependent therefrom patentable over the art of record.

US/4050045 is considered to be the closest reference to the present invention, disclosed (Fig. 3) a device for mounting fuses comprising: a housing having at least one support having two end areas (19, 20), said support having a threaded mounting means (29) on each end area (19, 20), a fuse (27) having flat ends (28) and said flat ends (28) each having a threaded bore (i.e. a hole) for mounting said fuse (27) on said support, a flat washer (30) for mounting on said threaded mounting means (29) after said fuse (27) is mounted thereto, but did not disclose a nut, a flat washer having a plurality of lateral sides, and a plurality of stops on each end of the support as required by claim 1 of the instant application.

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The Examiner has also cited the following pertinent to the present invention references:

US 6459354 B2, US 6456188 B1, US 6333846 B1, US 5886611 A, US 5700165 A, US 5685679 A, US 5643693 A, US 5620337 A, US 5580281 A, US 5088940 A, US 4723117 A, US 4692835 A, US 2521600 A, US 2793269 A, US 2681399 A, US 2662141 A, US 2644871 A, US 2560138 A, US 2548290 A, US 2497227 A, US 2325698 A, US 2195147 A, US 2056118 A, US 20050122203 A1, US 1950489 A, and EP 1103998 A2 disclosed various electrical fuses comprising fuse supports with threaded fuse mounting means.

None of the aforementioned references disclosed a flat washer having a plurality of lateral sides, and a plurality of stops on each end of the support as required by claim 1 of the instant application.

None of the references cited during prosecution of the instant application either taken alone or in combination is believed to render the present invention unpatentable as claimed.

3. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anatoly Vortman whose telephone number is 571-272-2047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Lynn Feild can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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